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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR
DIMITRIOU

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN BEGAN HIS MEETING WITH AM-
BASSADOR DIMITRIOU SEPTEMBER 17 BY REFERRING TO A RECENT
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS THAT ANYONE WHO SUPPORTED
LIFTING THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WAS A CRIMINAL. HARTMAN
NOTED THAT HE SUPPORTED LIFTING THE EMBARGO, AND WONDERED
WHY THEREFORE THE CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR HAD CHOSEN TO CALL ON
HIM. DIMITRIOU, VISIBLY THROWN OFF BALANCE BY THIS QUESTION
DEFENSIVELY REPLIED THAT THE MAKARIOS REMARK HAD BEEN UNFOR-
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2. HARTMAN THEN SAID HE WAS AWARE DIMITRIOU HAD CALLED TO
COMPLAIN ABOUT DENKTASH'S THREATS TO DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT
TURKISH-CYPRIOT STATE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GENERAL ATMOS-
PHERE WAS BOUND TO DETERIORATE AS LONG AS THE ARMS EMBARGO

REMAINED IN EFFECT. THE US, MOREOVER, HAD NO ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EVENTS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. MAKARIOS HAS TOLD US MANY TIMES THAT WE ALONE COULD BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION, AND YET HE PERSISTS IN AN ACTIVE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO PERPETRATE THE VERY CONDITIONS WHICH

REDUCES OUR INFLUENCE ON TURKEY. HARTMAN STATED THAT IT IS OBVIOUS WE REGRET THE LACK OF RESULTS IN NEW YORK, BUT IT IS ALMOST POINTLESS TO WRING OUR HANDS ABOUT A SITUATION WHICH WILL NOT CHANGE UNTIL THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. IT WAS ALSO A MISTAKE FOR THE GREEK SIDE TO BELIEVE THAT TURKEY WOULD BOW TO PRESSURE OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. MAINTAINING THE EMBARGO COULD UNLEASH UNPREDICTABLE FORCES IN TURKEY THAT WOULD BE OF BENEFIT NEITHER TO CYPRUS NOR TO THE US.

4. DIMITRIOU STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO WOULD BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT IF DENKTASH WERE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS THREAT TO DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH-CYPRIOT STATE. HARTMAN AGREED, AND NOTED THAT WE WERE ALL CAUGHT UP IN A CYCLE WHICH COULD NOT BE BROKEN SO LONG AS THE EMBARGO REMAINED IN FORCE.

5. DIMITRIOU EMPHASIZED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO ASK THE US TO CAUTION THE TURKISH SIDE AGAINST UDI. HARTMAN SAID THAT WORDS ACCOMPLISH LITTLE. WE HAD REITERATED OUR OFT-STATED OPPOSITION TO ANY UNILATERAL ACTS TO VEDAT CHELIK JUST RECENTLY. THE SAME POINT HAD BEEN MADE OFTEN IN ANKARA. HARTMAN SAID THE SECRETARY WOULD SAY THE SAME THING AGAIN TO CAGLAYANGIL IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.

6. HARTMAN SAID THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A PERMANENT SOLUTION -- SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW EVOLUTION TOWARD ONE CYPRUS. THE TWO COMMUNITIES MUST REACH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT ALLOWS THEM TO WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION ON THEIR OWN. OUTSIDE ELEMENTS HAVE TO BE REMOVED. INSTEAD, OUTSIDE FORCES CONTINUE TO BE INJECTED.

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7. DIMITRIOU INQUIRED WHETHER HARTMAN HAD HEARD THAT THE BRITISH HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT INDICATING THEY WOULD BE GREATLY CONCERNED BY A TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HARTMAN SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION PUT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS SPOKESMAN. SISCO

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